THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Rs. 43.50 lakhs have so far been spent.

(b) The airport is expected to be ready for operation by December, 1990.

Making the grounded Westland helicopters operational

60. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to make the grounded Westland Helicopters operational; and

(b) if so, what are the detads in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government had constituted an Expert Committee to examine the operational and safety aspects of Westland helicopters. The helicopters will be put into operation again only if they are found suitable from operational and safety aspects.

Increase in the prices of formulations

61. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 708 given in the Raiya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of products where prices have been increased by more than 100 per cent along with the names of the manufacturers;

(b) what was the earlier and present price of each and percentage increase in each case; and

(c) what are the names of products where prices have been increased by more than 50 per cent and what was earlier and present price of each and percentage increase in each case and the name of the manufacturer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) To the extent available, the information is given in the statement at Annexure I. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 2.]

(c) To the extent available, the information is given in the statement at Annexure II. [*See* Appendix CLIV. Annexure No. 3].

Production of Betamethasone

62. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 718 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the intermediate from which production of Betamethasone and its salts have been sanctioned to other units and what is the capacity allowed to each;

(b) what was the production of each units during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instances of discrepancies in revising the prices by Review Committee has come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) Two other companies in the organised sector who have been issued licences for manufacture of Betamethasone are M|s. Glaxo having capacity of 568 Kgs. and M|s. Wyeth Labs with a capacity of 50 Kgs. The stage of manufacture permitted is basic. Of these only M|s. Glaxo is reporting production